

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

THE ARMY'S SENIOR REVIEW
PANEL REPORT ON SEXUAL
HARASSMENT

HON. NANCY L. JOHNSON

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 22, 1997

Mrs. JOHNSON of Connecticut. Mr. Speaker, on September 11 the Army announced the results of its largest investigation ever on sexual misconduct. Before commenting on report findings and related recommendations, I wish to commend the Army on the thorough and candid manner in which this survey and report were completed. Now, after a 9-month investigation, we must focus on action to address the serious problems of sexual harassment and sexual discrimination identified by this investigation.

The report confirms that sexual harassment in the Army is not an isolated problem. Contrary to earlier beliefs, sexual harassment exists throughout the Army regardless of gender, rank, or race. More telling is the finding that sexual discrimination is more pervasive than sexual harassment. These systemic problems undermine the effectiveness, readiness, and recruitment ability of the Army.

Nothing will change until Army leadership takes responsibility and accountability for action. Policies, as outlined in the Army Equal Opportunity Program, must be transformed into practice—only leadership can make that happen.

Failure of leadership to treat this issue seriously has led to the belief by soldiers that their commanders have little interest in enforcing rules against sexual harassment. As a result, victims of sexual harassment or discrimination do not file complaints for fear of reprisals. This breakdown in leadership trust is detrimental not only to the dignity of our soldiers, but also to the military effectiveness of the Army.

In the past, the Army has dealt effectively with problems such as drug abuse and racial discrimination. In those cases, leadership was key to changing behavior. Similar action is needed now. We need to be certain that the military is enforcing its code of conduct and disciplining those who violate it. The military code of conduct is based on honor, respect, and loyalty to country and comrades. When this code is broken by allowing sexual harassment of colleagues, it undermines our trust and respect for the U.S. military.

The report confirm the findings of the congressional investigations into sexual misconduct led by chairman of the House National Security Committee Subcommittee on Military Personnel, STEVE BUYER and Representatives TILLIE FOWLER and JANE HARMAN. I agree with their recent statement that there are no quick fixes for this very complex issue, and that the Army's leadership must commit to long-term corrective actions.

In closing, I strongly urge the Secretary of the Army to move quickly from disclosure to decisive, corrective action.

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SPEECH OF

HON. STEVEN SCHIFF

OF NEW MEXICO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 16, 1997

Mr. SCHIFF. Mr. Speaker, I rise in strong support of S. 910, legislation to reauthorize the National Earthquake Hazards Reduction Program [NEHRP]. I would like to thank Chairman SENSENBRENNER and Representative GEORGE BROWN, the Science Committee's ranking minority member, for their efforts to bring this bill to the floor.

Mr. Speaker, NEHRP has long enjoyed bipartisan support in the Science Committee because, through the program, the Nation has learned much about what to expect during earthquakes, where earthquakes are likely to occur, and how buildings and other structures are likely to fare during an earthquake.

While much has been achieved through NEHRP, the Nation still faces a very serious earthquake threat. If a major earthquake were to strike in any of the densely populated earthquake prone areas of the Nation, we might be facing losses of life numbering in the hundreds or thousands and property and economic losses in the hundreds of billions.

H.R. S. 910 provides NEHRP with a modest increase in funding so that the program may continue to contribute to a scientific and engineering infrastructure that provides critical knowledge used to further mitigate earthquakes. In addition, this legislation requires the director of National Science Foundation to produce a plan for upgrading earthquake engineering testing facilities. This is especially needed in order to perform the state-of-the-art research necessary to test buildings, lifelines, and materials. Other important provisions of this legislation include: assessments of seismological data gathering equipment and of disaster training facilities, and development of a real-time seismic hazards network, which would enable operators of critical lifelines to shut down in advance of an earthquake. Finally, section 2(c) of S. 910 highlights the Science Committee's commitment to education. This is a provision which encourages the National Science Foundation to disseminate Earth science educational materials to local schools.

Mr. Speaker, I believe that S. 910 is an important piece of legislation which, because of the work we have already done with the Senate, can be expeditiously sent to the President when we pass the bill in the House today. I urge the support of my colleagues.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. ROBERT W. NEY

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 22, 1997

Mr. NEY. Mr. Speaker, as I was unavoidably detained on July 29, 1997, I unfortunately missed rollcall votes Nos. 336 and 337. Had I been present I would have recorded an "aye" on both votes.

TRIBUTE TO THE COLOUR ME
FREEDOM FOUNDATION

HON. HOWARD L. BERMAN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 22, 1997

Mr. BERMAN. Mr. Speaker, I am honored to pay tribute to the Colour Me Freedom Foundation, started by my friend, the Reverend W. James Bellamy. From September 22 to October 4 a foundation exhibit entitled "Amandla Awethu; African-Americans and African Solidarity—Political Change in Africa" will be on display at the Cannon Rotunda. I am proud to be the sponsor of this exceptional exhibit.

The Colour Me Freedom Foundation is dedicated to strengthening the ties between Africa and African-Americans. The foundation grew out of the Reverend Bellamy's travels to Africa. While in Senegal in 1980 he met his wife, Fama, and developed a new appreciation and understanding of African politics and culture. He returned to the United States determined to share his discovery with others.

Reverend Bellamy earned a bachelor's degree in pan-African studies. At the same time he satisfied his growing interest in theology and spirituality by entering the ministry. Three years ago he founded the All People's AME Church, which is developing a sister relationship with Africa and African culture.

The Colour Me Freedom Foundation exhibition documents the history of the South Africa from 1960 to 1994. It features 50 photos and documents showing South Africa's transition from apartheid to a multiracial democracy.

The exhibit details the horror and absurdity of apartheid alongside the story of its demise. At the same time the visitor can relive the triumphant rise to power of Nelson Mandela.

I ask my colleagues to join me today in saluting the Colour Me Freedom Foundation, which is educating all of us about the struggle for Africa and the African diaspora. Under the guidance of Reverend Bellamy the foundation is providing an invaluable service. I applaud his efforts and the work of the foundation.

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COMMEMORATING THE GOLDEN ANNIVERSARY OF THE CITY OF WEST MIAMI

HON. ILEANA ROS-LEHTINEN

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 22, 1997

Ms. ROS-LEHTINEN. Mr. Speaker, a city in my congressional district, West Miami, FL is celebrating its golden anniversary. From its humble beginnings 50 years ago, West Miami has blossomed into a diverse city distinguished by a strong sense of family and community.

At the time of incorporation in 1947, the town of West Miami had only 700 inhabitants. By 1951, the town's population had risen to 6,000 residents and consisted mostly of married couples averaging 30 years of age and it also included a small number of senior citizens.

I am proud to represent a city in my district where a sense of giving back to the community through outreach programs and community service is a core component to the city's success.

I would like to recognize all of the citizens of the city of West Miami and their mayor, Ms. Rebecca Sosa, the city's first female Cuban-American mayor, for their ongoing and continuing love and pride for their cherished city. May this 50th anniversary be one of hope and promise and may the little big town continue to serve as a model for all cities in the next millennium.

SENATE COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Title IV of Senate Resolution 4, agreed to by the Senate on February 4, 1977, calls for establishment of a system for a computerized schedule of all meetings and hearings of Senate committees, subcommittees, joint committees, and committees of conference. This title requires all such committees to notify the Office of the Senate Daily Digest—designated by the Rules Committee—of the time, place, and purpose of the meetings, when scheduled, and any cancellations or changes in the meetings as they occur.

As an additional procedure along with the computerization of this information, the Office of the Senate Daily Digest will prepare this information for printing in the Extensions of Remarks section of the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD on Monday and Wednesday of each week.

Meetings scheduled for Tuesday, September 23, 1997, may be found in the Daily Digest of today's RECORD.

MEETINGS SCHEDULED

SEPTEMBER 24

9:00 a.m.

Finance

To continue hearings to examine the practices and procedures of the Internal Revenue Service.

SD-106

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9:30 a.m.

Commerce, Science, and Transportation
Manufacturing and Competitiveness Subcommittee

To hold hearings to examine the impact of new Environmental Protection Agency air quality standards on manufacturers.

SR-253

Energy and Natural Resources

Business meeting, to consider pending calendar business.

SD-366

Labor and Human Resources

Business meeting, to mark up the proposed Workforce Investment Partnership Act, and to consider pending nominations.

SD-430

10:00 a.m.

Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs

Financial Institutions and Regulatory Relief Subcommittee

To oversight hearings on the operation of the Federal Housing Finance Board.

SD-538

Foreign Relations

To hold hearings on the nominations of Thomas S. Foley, of Washington, to be Ambassador to Japan, and Alphonse F. La Porta, of New York, to be Ambassador to Mongolia.

SD-419

Governmental Affairs

To continue hearings to examine certain matters with regard to the committee's special investigation on campaign financing.

SH-216

2:15 p.m.

Foreign Relations

Business meeting, to consider pending calendar business.

S-116, Capitol

SEPTEMBER 25

9:00 a.m.

Finance

To continue hearings to examine the practices and procedures of the Internal Revenue Service.

SD-106

9:30 a.m.

Energy and Natural Resources

To hold oversight hearings on the Federal agency energy management provisions of the Energy Policy Act of 1992.

SD-366

Rules and Administration

To hold hearings to examine U.S. Capitol security issues.

SR-301

10:00 a.m.

Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs

Business meeting, to mark up proposed legislation to authorize funds for the transit provisions of the Intermodal Surface Transportation Efficiency Act (ISTEA).

SD-538

Commerce, Science, and Transportation

To hold hearings on S. 852, to establish nationally uniform requirements regarding the titling and registration of salvage, nonrepairable, and rebuilt vehicles.

SR-253

Foreign Relations

African Affairs Subcommittee

To hold hearings to examine religious persecution in Sudan.

SD-419

Governmental Affairs

To continue hearings to examine certain matters with regard to the committee's special investigation on campaign financing.

SH-216

Labor and Human Resources

To resume hearings to examine the scope and depth of the proposed settlement between State Attorneys General and tobacco companies to mandate a total reformation and restructuring of how tobacco products are manufactured, marketed, and distributed in America.

SD-430

2:00 p.m.

Energy and Natural Resources

Forests and Public Land Management Subcommittee

To hold hearings on S. 799, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to transfer to the personal representative of the estate of Fred Steffens of Big Horn County, Wyoming, certain land comprising the Steffens family property, S. 814, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to transfer to John R. and Margaret J. Lowe of Big Horn County, Wyoming, certain land so as to correct an error in the patent issued to their predecessors in interest, and H.R. 960, to validate certain conveyances in the City of Tulare, Tulare County, California.

SD-366

Foreign Relations

To hold hearings on the Maritime Boundary Treaty with Mexico (Treaty Doc. 96-6), Protocol Amending the 1916 Convention for the Protection of Migratory Birds (Treaty Doc. 104-28), and Protocol with Mexico Amending Convention for Protection of Migratory Birds and Gam Mammals (Treaty Doc. 105-26).

SD-419

SEPTEMBER 29

9:00 a.m.

Governmental Affairs

Permanent Subcommittee on Investigations

To hold hearings to review the operation of the Treasury Department's Office of Inspector General.

SD-342

2:00 p.m.

Judiciary

Administrative Oversight and the Courts Subcommittee

To hold hearings to review the operation of the FBI crime laboratory.

SD-226

SEPTEMBER 30

8:30 a.m.

Veterans' Affairs

To hold hearings on the nominations of Hershel Wayne Gober, of Arkansas, to be Secretary of Veterans Affairs, Richard J. Griffin, of Illinois, to be Inspector General, Department of Veterans Affairs, William P. Greene Jr., of West Virginia, to be an Associate Judge of the United States Court of Veterans Affairs, and Espiridion A. Borrego, of Texas, to be Assistant Secretary of Labor for Veterans' Employment and Training; to be followed by a business meeting to consider pending calendar business.

SR-418

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9:30 a.m.
Commerce, Science, and Transportation
To hold hearings on the nominations of Michael K. Powell, of Virginia, Harold W. Furchtgott-Roth, of the District of Columbia, and Gloria Tristani (pending receipt by the Senate), each to be a Member of the Federal Communications Commission.

SR-253

10:00 a.m.
Governmental Affairs
To resume hearings to examine certain matters with regard to the committee's special investigation on campaign financing.

SH-216

10:30 a.m.
Judiciary
Constitution, Federalism, and Property Rights Subcommittee
To hold hearings to examine unconstitutional set-asides, focusing on ISTEAs race-based set-asides after the Supreme Court case "Adarand".

SD-226

2:00 p.m.
Judiciary
To hold hearings on pending judicial nominations.

SD-226

OCTOBER 1

9:00 a.m.
Appropriations
Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education Subcommittee
To hold hearings to examine the health risks of 1950's atomic tests.

SD-192

9:30 a.m.
Commerce, Science, and Transportation
To hold hearings on the nomination of William E. Kennard, of California, to be a Member of the Federal Communications Commission.

SR-253

Indian Affairs
To hold hearings on the proposed settlement between State Attorneys General and tobacco companies, focusing on the proposed Indian provision.

SR-485

10:00 a.m.
Governmental Affairs
To continue hearings to examine certain matters with regard to the committee's special investigation on campaign financing.

SH-216

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Judiciary
To hold hearings to examine Congress' constitutional role in protecting religious liberty.

SD-226

OCTOBER 2

10:00 a.m.
Governmental Affairs
To continue hearings to examine certain matters with regard to the committee's special investigation on campaign financing.

SH-216

OCTOBER 6

10:00 a.m.
Governmental Affairs
Permanent Subcommittee on Investigations
To hold hearings to examine traditional frauds perpetrated over the Internet.

SD-342

OCTOBER 7

9:00 a.m.
Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry
To hold hearings on proposed legislation relating to food safety.

SR-332

10:00 a.m.
Governmental Affairs
To resume hearings to examine certain matters with regard to the committee's special investigation on campaign financing.

SH-216

2:00 p.m.
Energy and Natural Resources
Water and Power Subcommittee
To hold hearings on S. 725, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to convey the Collbran Reclamation Project to the Ute Water Conservancy District and the Collbran Conservancy District, S. 777, to authorize the construction of the Lewis and Clark Rural Water System and to authorize assistance to the Lewis and Clark Rural Water System, Inc. a nonprofit corporation, for the planning and construction of the water supply system, H.R. 848, to extend the deadline under the Federal Power Act applicable to the construction of the AuSable Hydroelectric Project in New York, H.R. 1184, to extend the deadline under the Federal Power Act for the construction of the Bear Creek Hydroelectric Project in the State of Wash-

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ington, and H.R. 1217, to extend the deadline under the Federal Power Act for the construction of a hydroelectric project in the State of Washington.

SD-366

OCTOBER 8

9:30 a.m.
Indian Affairs
To hold hearings on S. 1077, to amend the Indian Gaming Regulatory Act.
Room to be announced

10:00 a.m.
Governmental Affairs
To continue hearings to examine certain matters with regard to the committee's special investigation on campaign financing.

SH-216

OCTOBER 9

10:00 a.m.
Governmental Affairs
To continue hearings to examine certain matters with regard to the committee's special investigation on campaign financing.

SH-216

OCTOBER 22

9:30 a.m.
Indian Affairs
To hold hearings on Indian self-governance, focusing on proposed legislation to extend compacting to agencies of the Department of Health and Human Services.

SR-485

OCTOBER 29

9:30 a.m.
Indian Affairs
To resume oversight hearings on proposals to reform the management of Indian trust funds.
Room to be announced

POSTPONEMENTS

SEPTEMBER 23

10:00 a.m.
Labor and Human Resources
To resume hearings to examine the confidentiality of medical information.

SD-430